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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, PEPR, CY
SUBJECT: NIMETZ VISIT TO CYPRUS

REF: NICOSIA 2140

1. FONMIN ROLANDIS CALLED ME EARLY AUGUST 23 TO TELL ME THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU FOLLOWING THE LUNCHEON THE AMBASSADOR HAD HAD IN WASHINGTON WITH COUNSELOR NIMETZ. AS A RESULT OF THE LUNCHEON, IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT THE TALKS WOULD BEGIN AT FOUR O'CLOCK ON THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 4. THEY WOULD THEN BE FOLLOWED BY A STAG WORKING DINNER HOSTED BY THE FONMIN. THE TALKS WOULD THEN RESUME THE FOLLOWING MORNING AND WOULD BREAK AT LUNCH TIME WHEN BOTH THE FONMIN AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE CYPRUS.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY THE FONMIN CALLED ME AGAIN SHORTLY BEFORE NOON TO SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD ASKED HIM TO SEE WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE U.S. TO OBTAIN THE LATEST TURKISH VIEWS ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BEFORE COUNSELOR NIMETZ ARRIVES. HE SUGGESTED THIS MIGHT BE
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DONE EITHER BY HAVING NIMETZ VISIT ANKARA BEFORE COMING TO NICOSIA, OR OBTAINING THEM THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. I TOLD THE FONMIN THAT I WOULD EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY AND BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH HIM.

3. EMBASSY IS PREPARING SEPTTEL GIVING OUR VIEWS ON FURTHER CONTACTS NIMETZ MIGHT UNDERTAKE DURING HIS

NICOSIA VISIT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: BASIS FOR RESPONSE TO FONMIN
ROLANDIS REGARDING FURTHER EXPLORATION OF TURKISH
POSITION PRIOR TO NIMETZ ARRIVAL.
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